(b) whether the degrees' awarded by these Medica! Colleges are treated at par with other degrees For jobs and pay-scale etc.; and

(c) whether the pay-scales being given in both these Medical Colleges to various categories of teaching and non-teaching staff are uniform; if not, the reasons therefor ?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College is now affiliated to the University of Delhi while Dr. B.R. Sur Homoeopathic Medical College is affiliated to the Board of Homoeopathic System of Medicine, Delhi.

(b) No degree has been awarded so far either by the University_of Delhi to the students of Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College or by the Board of Homoeopathic System of Medicine, Delhi to the students of Dr. B.R. Sur Homoeopathic Medical College.

(c) The Nehru Homoeopathic Medical College is run by the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi and Dr. B. R. Sur Homoeopathic Medical College is a Private one. As such their pay-scales are not similar.

वन आधारित उद्योग स्थापित किया जाना

*149. श्री शिव प्रताप चनपुरिया : क्या पर्यावरण और वन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या सरकार ने वन-आधारित उद्योगों की स्थापना करने के संबंध में किसी योजना पर विचार किया है;

(ख) 31 दिसम्बर 1992 तक देश के किन-किन वन क्षेत्रों में वन-आधारित उद्योग स्थापित किये जा चुके हैं; और

(ग) मध्य प्रदेश के किन-किन वन क्षेत्रों में वन-आधारित उद्योग स्थापित किये गये हैं और उनमें कितने आदिवासियों को रोजगार दिया गया है ?

पर्यावरण और वन मंत्रालय के राज्य मंत्री (श्री कमल नाथ) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) वनों पर आधारित उद्योग, कच्चे माल की उपलब्धता को ध्यान में रखते हुए देश के लगभग सभी क्षेत्रों में स्थापित किए गए थे ।

(ग) मध्य प्रदेश राज्य में, वनों पर आधारित उद्योग कच्चे माल की उपलब्धता को ध्यान में रखते हुए सभी विभिन्न क्षेत्रों में स्थापित किए गए हैं । आदिवासियों को भी इन उद्योगों में रोजगार दिया जा रहा है ।

Shortage of life saving drugs in Iraq

*150. SHRI SHANTI TYAGI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that due to shortages and non-availability of food articles and life saving drugs etc., as a consequence of U.N. sanctions against Iraq, nearly a lakh of Iraqi children are likely to die this year; and

(b) if so, whether Government would impress upon the U.N. and particularly the U.S. Government regarding the urgent need to save the Iraqi children from starvation and death ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI R.L. BHATIA): (a) The Government has seen some Iraqi reports about the adverse impact of U.N. sanctions on the health situation in Iraq. It would, however, be relevant to mention that the U.N. sanctions do not bar Iraq from import of food and medicines.

(b) India has advocated phased lifting of U.N. sanctions in tandem with Iraqi compliance with U.N Security Council resolutions.